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Summary of the September 1959 Monthly Narrative Report
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

WEATHER:	Warm and overcast. Snow last ten days. Beartooth Pass and Dunraven closed temporarily. Maximum 84°, minimum 15°, precipitation 1.22 inches	1
TRAVEL:	31.5% decrease for month; visitation for year 1,392,196	1
INSPECTIONS:	Director Wirth and many officials from Washington, Region Two and other areas in. Listed	1-2
SPECIAL VISITORS:	Listed	2
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PERSONNEL:	Newhart cc appt; Card cc appt; Murray & Hanson resignation; Billman & Burns promotion; Wood new appt.; Peterson cc appt; Moss retirement; Inventive Award to Maxey	4
IN-SERVICE TRAINING:	Slide program on Writing Position Descriptions	4
MISCELLANEOUS:	Mammoth school began Sept. 1; Mammoth Hospital closed Sept. 10; AFGE meeting Sept. 14; Joffe on extended sick leave; Reynolds to hospital; Mammoth PTA; Railroad & bus service terminated; Winter flight service to and from Jackson; Farewell party for Browns; Bergs to Europe	5
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ACCIDENTS & PUBLIC SAFETY:	41 auto, contractors employees, 1 hot water burn	5-6
PUBLICITY:	Weekly News issued; 7 press releases issued	6
CHAPEL USE:	Latter-Day Saints & Roman Catholic services terminated; Protestant services throughout month; Rev. Jennings out; Rev. Allen Line in	6
MUSEUM ACTIVITIES & EXHIBITS:	Exhibit installed at Isa Lake; panel installed in Firehole Canyon; exhibit being prepared for Lamar Valley	6
INTERPRETIVE SERVICES:	Mammoth, Old Faithful & Canyon Visitor Centers open; Madison & Norris closed; Campfire programs discontinued;	6
RESEARCH & OBSERVATION:	Research project on earthquake effects; annual trumpeter swan census; Sapphire Pool activity	6-7
NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION:	Librarian terminated; Historians Harris & Petty in	7
CONCESSIONERS:	Operations closed except Lake, Old Faithful & Mammoth	7
MAINTENANCE:	Crews working in West District; snow-removal crews organized	7
CONSTRUCTION:	Construction work on Lewis Lake campground	7
CONTRACTS:	1 bid awarded	7
COMPLAINTS:	7 answered	7
PROTECTION & RANGER SERVICE:	Entrances on 14-hour schedule as of September 14	7
LAW ENFORCEMENT:	29 cases heard before U.S. Commissioner	7
FOREST FIRE PROTECTION:	1 Sulphur Fire; 1 3-acre fire; Parachute loft at W.Y. closed	7
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BISON:	Several heards observed	8
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ELK:	Seen in Gibbon Meadows, Madison & Lamar Valley	8
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BIG HOLE BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT

WEATHER:	Cold and rainy	8
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

October 19, 1959

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Acting Superintendent

Subject: Monthly Report for September 1959

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of September 1959:

General

Weather. The first two weeks of September were very warm with many overcast days. Precipitation was above normal for the month. There were snowstorms and blizzards the last ten days of the month. Beartooth Pass was closed four times, and Dunraven Pass once due to snow. At headquarters the maximum temperature was 84 degrees, and the minimum was 15 degrees. Precipitation was 1.22 inches.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Visitors to the Park totaled 93,867 for the month, as against 137,049 for September 1958, a decrease of 31.5 per cent. Yearly travel through September 30 was 1,392,196, as against 1,409,870 a year ago, a decrease of 1.2 per cent. Visitation to the Park declined sharply after the earthquake on August 17.

Inspections. Director Conrad L. Wirth made an inspection of the Park with members of his staff, Region Two Office, WODC and the Yellowstone staff to observe earthquake damages during the first week of September. Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton made a similar inspection on September 17. The Director departed from the Park on September 6.

The following officials visited the Park the latter part of August and the first of September: William G. Carnes, Chief, MISSION 66 Staff, Washington, D. C., Howard R. Stagner, Assistant Chief, MISSION 66 Staff, and Howard B. Stricklin, Assistant Superintendent, Blue Ridge Parkway, left the Park September 11. Mr. Merrill J. Mattes, Regional Historian, Region Two, left the Park September 3, as did David J. Hieb, Regional Lands Officer, Omaha. Mr. John E. Doerr, Chief Naturalist, WASO, and Donald White and Henry Cornwall from the U. S. Geological Survey, left the Park on September 4. Thomas C. Vint, Chief, Design & Construction, WASO, left the

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Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of September 1959:

General

Weather. The first two weeks of September were very mild with many overcast days. Precipitation was above normal for the month. There were snowstorms and blizzards the last few days of the month. Recreation East was closed four times, and Dunraven Pass once due to snow. At Lower Quarters the minimum temperature was 24 degrees, and the minimum was 13 degrees. Precipitation was 1.23 inches.

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Special Visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Horace M. Albright departed from the Park on September 6 after a stay of seven days.

Chief Park Naturalist McIntyre accompanied Professor Nicholas Helburn of Montana State College on an inspection of earthquake phenomena on September 8.

Mr. Leslie Manigat, Director, Political Office of the Department of Foreign Affairs of Haiti, and Mr. William Beach of the State Department, who acted as his interpreter, were in the Park September 10 and 11. Park Naturalist Hewitt provided interpretive services.

Miss Mary R. Fitzgibbon, Lake District, English National Parks, traveling under sponsorship of Ministry of Housing and Local Government, was in the Park from September 10-13. Miss Fitzgibbon was interested, especially, in tent and trailer camping and car parking development. Interpretive services were provided by Park Naturalist Hewitt.

Mr. William S. Mailliard, Congressman from California, and his son were at Canyon Village September 15.

Biologist Bill Holsworth of the Canadian Wildlife Service was assisted by Park Naturalist Beal in library research on Brucellosis in bison on September 15.

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Management Assistant Joseph Joffe represented the National Park Service in Jackson at the Wyoming Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting held September 6.

Management Assistant Joffe went to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on September 9 to attend the 25th annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association. He was re-elected as one of the Directors from Montana.

Interpretive Specialist Norman Herkenham from the Washington Office arrived in the Park on September 14 for about a month's stay, to obtain material respecting manifestations of earthquake activity. He is working on interpretive signs and roadside exhibits to interpret the recent earthquake to future Park visitors.

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Administration

Personnel. Mr. Donald A. Newhart, Foreman II, Plumber, conversion to career status, effective September 2.

Mr. John W. Card, Packer, conversion to career status, effective September 2.

Mr. Lawrence Murray, Maintenance III, electrician, resignation, effective September 17.

Mrs. Agnes J. Hanson, Secretary (Stenography), GS-5, resignation, effective September 18.

Mrs. Margaret L. Billman, promotion, Secretary (Stenography), GS-5, effective September 20.

Mr. Robert L. Burns, promotion, Management Assistant, GS-9, effective September 28.

Mr. Robert P. Wood, Park Ranger, GS-5, selected from register, career-conditional appointment, effective September 24.

Mr. Arnold M. Peterson, Foreman II, electrician, received conversion to career status, effective August 25.

Mr. Harold G. Moss, Foreman II, Mixed Gang (Roads), retirement, effective August 28.

Mr. Clyde A. Maxey, Supervisory Park Ranger, (Sub-District Park Ranger), at Snake River, received a $25 Incentive Award for his accepted suggestion submitted last spring.

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The first meeting of the Yellowstone Park PTA was held September 10.

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The Frontier Airlines will continue flight service to and from Jackson, Wyoming, during the winter.

A community farewell potluck supper was held for Chief Park Ranger and Mrs. Otto M. Brown at the Lamar Ranch on Sunday, September 27. Mr. Brown left for Crater Lake National Park where he will assume the superintendency as of October 4.

Management Assistant, Protection Division, Lennart Y. Berg and family sailed for Europe on the Queen Mary, September 30, for a two months tour.

Births. A son, Jeffrey Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph May, on September 16, at the Memorial Hospital, Livingston, Montana. Mr. May is employed by the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company.

A son, Kenneth Glenn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Coe, September 29, at the Coe Memorial Hospital, Cody, Wyoming. Mr. Coe is the Park Ranger at East Entrance.

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Cooperative Activities

Publicity. On each Thursday, the Yellowstone Weekly News was issued to keep employees, concessioners and others currently interested of Park happenings.

Seven press releases were issued. September 1: Accommodations available in the Park; September 4: Testimonial Dinner for Jack E. Haynes; September 16: Sulphur Bed Fire; September 19: Campfire Day; September 22: Arrest of hunters; September 29: Accommodations and road information; September 29: Bids for construction on West Entrance road.

Religious and Chapel Use. The Latter-Day Saints and Roman Catholic Services throughout the Park terminated September 5. Protestant services were held throughout the month.

Reverend Jack and Mrs. Jennings left the Park on September 13 for New York City where Reverend Jennings will do a year's post-graduate study. Reverend Allen Line, of Pennsylvania, replaced Reverend Jennings.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. A roadside exhibit "Water - where it flows" was completed and installed at Isa Lake. A revised exhibit panel was installed in Firehole Canyon.

Work is progressing on a two-panel exhibit on fossil forests for installation in the Lamar Valley.

Interpretive Services. The Madison Museum remained closed all month. Norris Museum closed for the season on September 9. Visitor Centers at Mammoth, Old Faithful and Canyon remained open throughout the month.

Evening campfire programs were discontinued at West Thumb, Fishing Bridge, Canyon and Mammoth after September 8, and at Old Faithful after September 30.

Research and Observation. A research project to determine earthquake effects on thermal and other Park features was initiated on September 6. Park Naturalist George D. Marler is in charge of this project and is assisted by seasonal Park Ranger Naturalists Germerase and Watson, Frisbee and Higgins. Park Naturalist Robert A. Mebane arrived from Dinosaur National Monument on September 11 for a 3½ months participation in these studies. Special reports will be made on findings.

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Religious and Chapel Use. The Latter-Day Saints and Roman Catholic Services throughout the Park terminated September 5. Protestant services were held throughout the month.

Reverend Jack and Mrs. Jennings left the Park on September 15 for New York City where Reverend Jennings will do a year's post-graduate study. Reverend Allen Line, of Pennsylvania, replaced Reverend Jennings.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. A roadside exhibit "Water - where it flows" was completed and installed at Isa Lake. A revised exhibit panel was installed in Firehole Canyon.

Work is progressing on a two-panel exhibit on fossil forests for installation in the Lamar Valley.

Interpretive Services. The Madison Museum remained closed all month. Norris Museum closed for the season on September 9. Visitor Centers at Mammoth, Old Faithful and Canyon remained open throughout the month.

Evening campfire programs were discontinued at West Thumb, Fishing Bridge, Canyon and Mammoth after September 8, and at Old Faithful after September 30.

Research and Observation. A research project to determine earthquake effects on thermal and other Park features was initiated on September 6. Park Naturalist George D. Marler is in charge of this project and is assisted by seasonal Park Ranger Naturalists Cumberland and Watson, Frisbee and Higgins. Park Naturalist Robert A. Mebane arrived from Dinosaur National Monument on September 11 for a 3½ months participation in these studies. Special reports will be made on findings.

On September 11 the Chief Park Naturalist made the annual trumpeter swan census in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

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Concessioners. Operations of the concessioners were closed by the end of the month except at Mammoth, Lake and Old Faithful.

Maintenance. Crews have been working ten hours a day for a six day week in the West District in an effort to complete road repairs due to the earthquake. There has been snowfall at the higher elevations and crews have been organized for snow-removal emergencies. The Beartooth Highway was closed due to storm conditions on September 21, 24, 27 and 30.

Construction. Park crews began construction work on the new Lewis Lake campground on September 23.

Contracts. Vaughn Landscaping & Tree Service was awarded a contract for $9,950 for the landscaping at Lake Government Area.

Complaints. Seven complaints were investigated and answered.

Protection and Ranger Service. The entrance stations went on a 14 hour schedule starting September 19.

Law Enforcement. A total of 29 violation cases were heard before U. S. Commissioner Brown, including possession of fire arms, protection of wildlife and traffic. Fines amounted to $800.00.

Forest Fire Protection. A fire occurred at Calcite Springs in the Sulphur Beds in the Tower Fall area on September 7. Gas masks were necessary and two portable pumps were used.

A fire which burned approximately three acres on Capitol Hill, in back of the Yellowstone Park Company residences, occurred on September 8. Two fire trucks were used and approximately 30 men. Cause unknown.

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Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. ANTELOPE. A herd of 17 have been seen in the vicinity of the North Entrance.

BEAR. They have concentrated in the vicinity of contractor and construction camps since public travel has declined.

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There were 37 reports of Personal Injury caused by bears for the 1959 season, as against 36 last year. Property Damage totaled 204 cases, as against 90 last year.

BISON. Herds of 21, 50 and 100 have been observed in the Fairy Meadows, Raven Creek Valley, and Lamar River valley near the ranch.

DEER. Deer can be observed generally throughout the Park.

ELK. These animals can be seen in Gibbon Meadows, along the Madison and Lamar Valley. A herd of 25 was counted near Biscuit Basin on the 26th. Bugling of the bulls can be heard throughout the Park.

OTTER. Three were observed fishing in the Madison River.

BIG HOLE BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT

Weather. Cold and rainy during the last two weeks of the month.

Travel. Visitors to the Monument during September were 1,240, as against 1,202 in September 1958. The total yearly travel was 9,054, as against 7,100 last year, or an increase of 27.5 per cent.

Research and Observation. The historical research of Big Hole Battlefield National Monument is progressing. Boundary proposals and interpretive development have been evaluated and plans formulated. Regional Director Baker, Regional Historian Mattes, Regional Lands Officer Hieb, and members of the Park staff discussed these matters with Park Naturalists McIntyre and Beal on September 2.

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